

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A piston-cylinder assembly comprising:

a cylinder filled with a working medium and extending along a central axis, the cylinder being fitted with a piston rod guide and having at least one radially inward extending projection adjacent to the piston guide, the at least one projection extending along a portion of a periphery of an inner wall of the cylinder;

a piston rod and a piston installed in the cylinder with freedom of movement along the central axis, the piston [[and]] dividing the cylinder into a working space on the piston rod side and a working space away from the piston rod; and

a stop disk mounted on the piston rod adjacent to the piston, the stop disk having an outer diameter greater than an outer diameter of the piston, the stop disk being dimensioned to rest against the at least one projection in the event of fire so that the piston rod is tilted with respect to the central axis.

2. (previously presented) The piston-cylinder assembly of claim 1, wherein the stop disk has non-throttling pass-through openings to permit flow of the working medium from the working space away from the piston rod into the working space on the piston rod side.

3. (previously presented) The piston-cylinder assembly of claim 1, wherein said stop disk is a component of a piston valve.

4. (previously presented) The piston-cylinder assembly of claim 1, further comprising a tension stop between said stop disk and said piston rod guide.

5. (previously presented) The piston-cylinder assembly of claim 4, wherein said tension stop is made of an elastomeric material.